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11. Ramhari Neupane, Deputy Director of the Banks and Financial Institutions Regulations Department at Nepal Rastra ("National") Bank or NRB, provided a written response to Reftel demarches from November regarding the designations of Saudi nationals and Iranian individuals and entities variously under UNSCR 1267 and E.O. 13224 and 13382, as well as the Financial Action Task Force statement on Iran from October. Neupane reiterated what he and his colleagues had told Emboff in person. He indicated that the NRB would follow U.S. recommendations to freeze assets and block transactions should the named Saudi persons and Iranian entities find their way into the Nepalese banking system. Emboff has forwarded the English-language email and attached document to the Nepal desk officer in SCA/INS. POWELL